

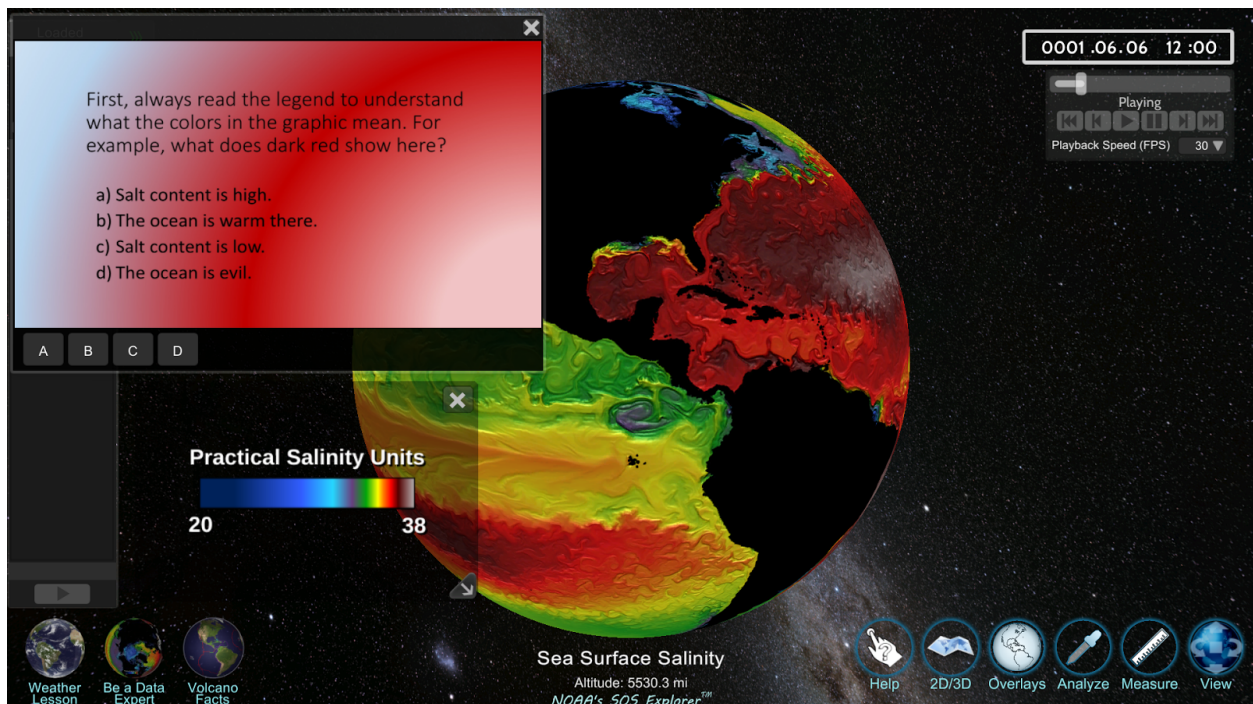
## Introduction to SOSx Tours

Video tutorials are available here: [sos.noaa.gov/SOS\\_Explorer/documentation.html](https://sos.noaa.gov/SOS_Explorer/documentation.html)

### Description:

SOS datasets can often be complex. In order to tell a story with datasets, to help our users make tangible and understandable connections between the animations and their lives, we invented Tours.

Tours are scripted presentations that walk a user through the datasets that can include a storyline and a learning goal. These often include text, guiding questions, pop-up web content, videos, pictures/diagrams, and click-able place marks. For example, see “Become a Data Expert” Tour screenshot below.

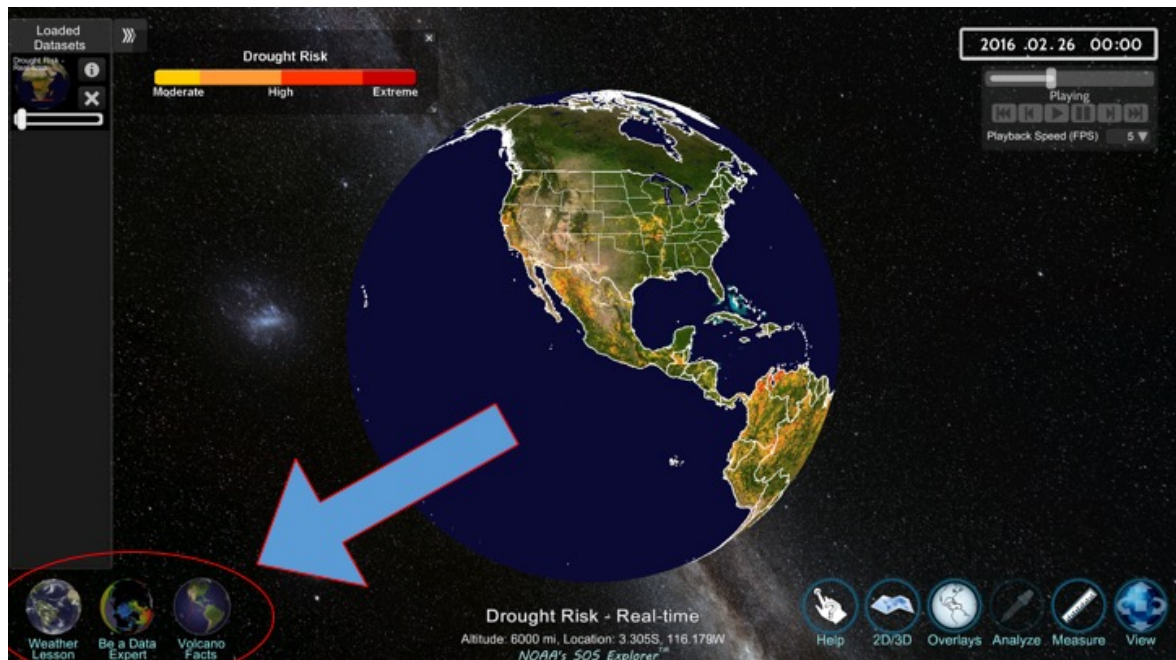


Using Tour Builder, you can build your own tours. Once built, your tours will show up in your search window (if desired) or can be linked in Hot Buttons. Tour Builder builds tasks on a timeline seen in the image below.

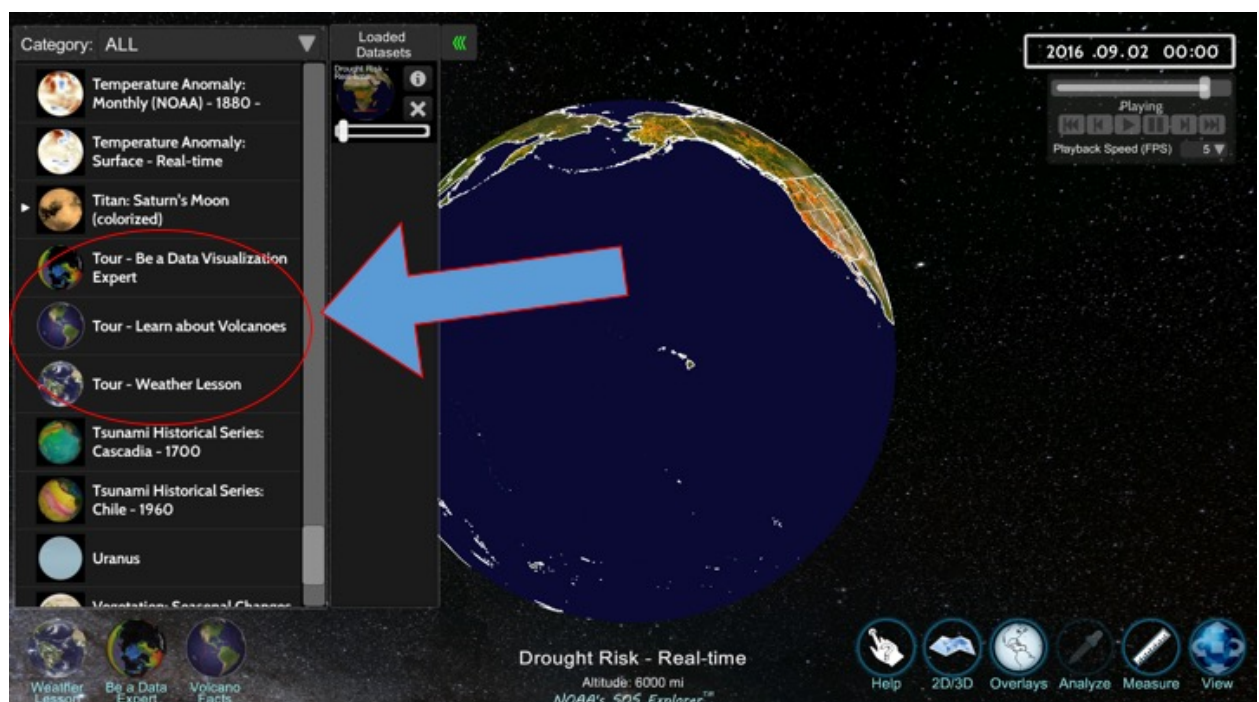
## Accessing Tours:

Tours can be launched three ways:

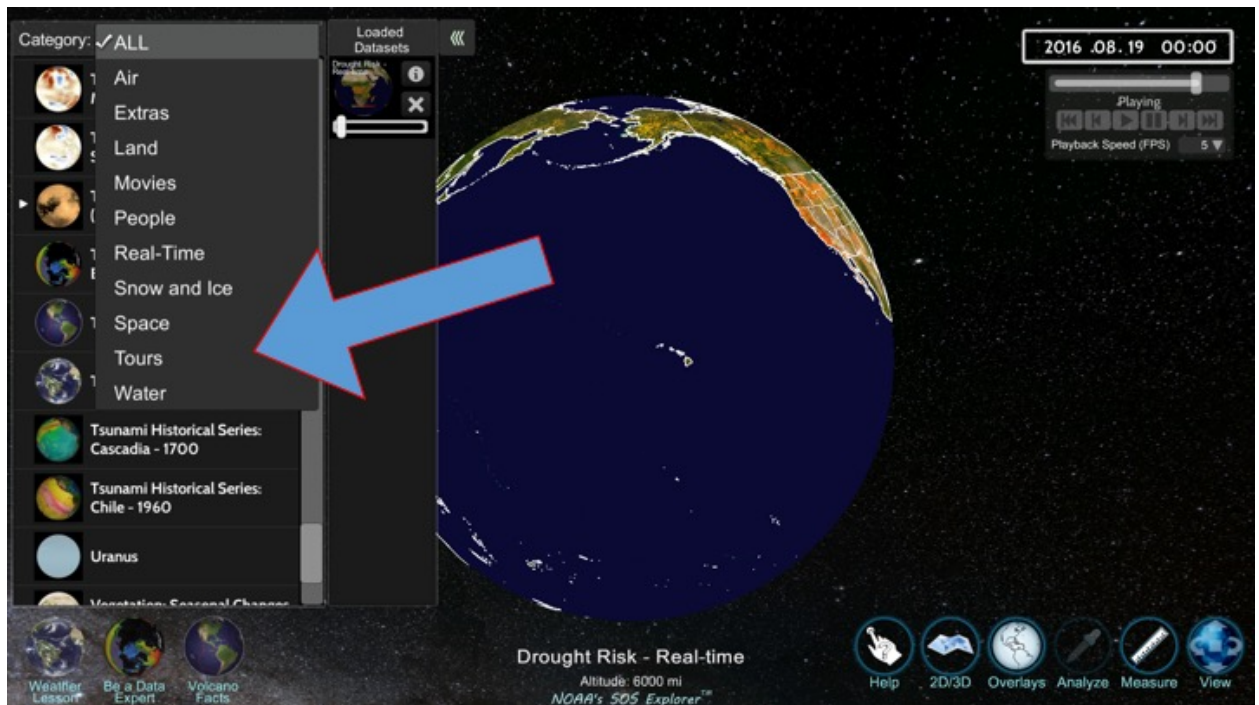
1. Hot Buttons that show up on the lower left corner of the touchscreen are linked to the tours. When clicked, hot buttons launch right into a tour. By default, your system comes with three NOAA-managed Tours linked to the Hot Buttons, however, you can make your own tours and link them using the Configurator. See **Set-up Guide** for directions on customizing the configuration of your system.



2. Tours are all named "Tour - Weather Lesson," for example, in order for them all to show up under the letter T in the alphabetical search window.



3. Tours are tagged as Category “Tours” (chosen in Tour Builder) in order for them all to show up in the “Tours” dropdown category when browsing.\*



\*Tip: We suggest that when you make your own tours, you follow protocol #2 & 3 in order to easily find your tours.